

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee

Mississippi State Department of Health

**Ramada Inn Southwest
Jackson, Ms**

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MTAC Members Present:

Brian W. Amy, M.D., MHA, MPH
Hugh Gamble, M.D.
John Nelson, M.D.
John Riggs, EMT.P
Wade N. Spruill
Robert Galli, M.D.
Gregory Timberlake, M.D.
Bennie Wright, M.D.
Ben Yarbrough, M.D.

MTAC Members Not Present:

William Billups, III, M.D.
David Cook, R.N.
Charles Piggott, M.D.
William Avara, M.D.
John Braham, M.D.
Christine Weiland, R.N.

Others Present:

Keith Parker
Christy Craft
Jim Wadlington
Karey Riddle
Billie Collier

I. Call to Order:

Dr. Amy called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes from previous MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

III. Director's Report:

Mr. Parker introduced Karey Riddle as the new Policy Planner for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS).

Mr. Parker announced that BEMS had received a letter from Magee General Hospital withdrawing as a Level IV Trauma Care Center.

Mr. Parker announced that the American Trauma Society in collaboration with the Mississippi Department of Health will sponsor the Annual Trauma Symposium on February 22nd –25th at the Grand Casino in Biloxi.

Mr. Parker announced that the fiscal year '02 and '03 EMS and Trauma Annual Reports are finalized and on the website. For fiscal year '04 BEMS is revamping the data and hope to have this out in a couple of months. It will combine EMS and Trauma into one report instead of two separate ones.

Mr. Parker announced that BEMS is in the process of finalizing the RFP for the new trauma registry.

Mr. Parker announced that Oktibbeha County Hospital in Starkville received an educational visit.

IV. Reports:

A. Central Trauma Care Region:

Dr. Timberlake reported that the Central Trauma Care Region has had two new members added to the Regional Board of Directors. Dr. Timberlake announced that the Region is continuing to develop a regional website which should be online by February 1, 2005.

Dr. Timberlake announced that the Region is continuing to develop and implement the region trauma plan with focus on the designation policies.

Dr. Timberlake reported that the Region is expanding their educational programs for pre-hospital providers. There has been a pediatric basic trauma life support and basic trauma life support

B. North Trauma Care Region:

No report given

C. Delta Region:

Dr. Wright announced the Region voted to send thirty people to the Trauma Symposium in Biloxi.

Dr. Wright reported that the Region has approved a non-compliance policy to address problems related to attendance to meetings and performance improvement reports.

Dr Wright reported that the plan for regional division is still ongoing.

D. Southwest Region:

Dr Yarbrough reported that the Region recently conducted a TNCC course for 10 nurses. Also the Region has 40 slots for people to attend the Trauma Symposium on the Coast.

E. Southeast Region:

Mr. Spruill reported that Forrest General has a second full-time surgeon. The Region is planning on implementing the destination guidelines criteria this year.

F. East Central Trauma Care Region:

No report given.

G. Coastal Trauma Care Region:

Gail Thomas reported that the Region is stepping up on public education on seat belt usage. The Region will be developing some billboards to help relay this message.

Ms. Thomas reported that the Regional performance improvement and medical control committees are addressing issues with transfer agreements at this time.

The Region is also preparing for the fourth annual Trauma Symposium for May 6th and 7th at Casino Magic in Biloxi.

V. Old Business:

American College of Surgeons verification:

Mr. Wadlington reported that according to the American College of Surgeons each time a facility request a verification from the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons petition the State agency for permission to come in. This is for State's with a state designation process.

Mr. Parker stated that there was no action needed for this discussion. This was information requested from the last MTAC meeting.

VI. New Business:

Mortality Report:

Mr. Parker reported at the last MTAC meeting there was a request for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to provide a report back showing the mortality rate. The report shows that between 2001 and 2003 the rate for mortality has decreased.

Impact Study of the Regional Medical Center at Memphis:

Mr. Wadlington presented graphs developed by Horne CPA Group showing the physician percentage to Medicare and the hospital reimbursement dollars per relative value with and without the Regional Medical Center at Memphis participation in the Trauma Care Trust Fund.

After review and discussion, Mr. Parker announced that no further action was needed on this item.

VII. Confidential Session:

MTAC enters into confidential session

VIII. Adjourn at 2:30 p.m.